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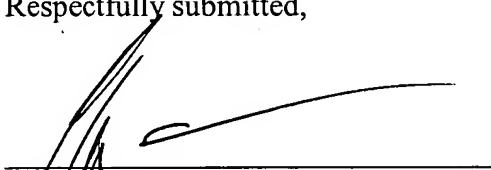
**STATUS REQUEST**

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Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed on October 14, 2003. We respectfully request a status inquiry and estimated examination date on the above-identified patent application. A copy of this request is enclosed for the purpose of reporting the results of the status inquiry.

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